#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

In re:

The Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico,

as representative of

The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, et al., 1

Debtors.

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The Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico,

as representative of

The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico,

Debtor.

In re:

The Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico,

as representative of

Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation ("COFINA"),

Debtor.

PROMESA

Title III

No. 17 BK 3283-LTS

(Jointly Administered)

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### VERIFIED STATEMENT OF THE MUTUAL FUND GROUP PURSUANT TO FEDERAL RULE OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE 2019

Pursuant to Rule 2019 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure ("Bankruptcy Rule 2019") this verified statement (the "Statement") is submitted by certain holders (the "Mutual Fund Group") of bonds issued by (collectively, the "Bonds") the Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation ("COFINA") and other bonds issued by the

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these Title III Cases, along with each Debtor's respective Title III case number listed as a bankruptcy case number due to software limitations and the last four (4) digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, as applicable, are the (i) Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3283-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3481); and (ii) Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation ("COFINA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3284) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 8474).

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and its instrumentalities in connection with the cases ("<u>Title III</u> <u>Cases</u>") commenced by the above-captioned debtors under title III of the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act ("<u>PROMESA</u>").

In support of the Statement, the Mutual Fund Group respectfully states as follows:

- 1. As of the date of this Statement, in these Title III Cases, the undersigned represents the Mutual Fund Group (each holder in the Mutual Fund Group, a "Member").
- 2. On or about June 26 and June 27, 2014, certain funds managed or advised by OppenheimerFunds, Inc. ("Oppenheimer") and Franklin Advisers, Inc. ("Franklin") retained Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP ("Kramer Levin") to challenge as unconstitutional the recently passed and soon to be enacted Puerto Rico Debt Enforcement and Recovery Act (the "Recovery Act"). Kramer Levin later became engaged to represent Franklin and Oppenheimer as a group in connection with a potential restructuring of bonds issued by the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and its instrumentalities. In February 2016, certain funds managed or advised by Santander Asset Management, LLC joined the Mutual Fund Group in connection with a potential restructuring of the Bonds.
- 3. The Members hold, or are the investment advisors or managers of funds or accounts that hold, approximately \$759 million in aggregate amount of uninsured senior Bonds (based on their accreted value as of August 10, 2017) and approximately \$2.1 billion in aggregate amount of uninsured subordinate bonds (based on their accreted value as of August 10, 2017) as of August 10, 2017. The Members also hold, or are the investment advisors or managers of funds or accounts that hold, approximately \$1.75 billion in aggregate amount of uninsured bonds issued or guaranteed by the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. In accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 2019, the address and nature and amount of all disclosable economic interests

for each Member is set forth in Exhibit A. The information contained in Exhibit A is based upon information provided by the Members to Kramer Levin and is subject to change.

- 4. As of the date of this Statement, the undersigned represents only the Mutual Fund Group in connection with the Title III Cases and does not represent or purport to represent any other entities with respect to the Title III Cases.<sup>2</sup> In addition, each Member of the Mutual Fund Group (a) does not assume any fiduciary or other duties to any other creditor or person and (b) does not purport to act, represent or speak on behalf of any other entities in connection with the Title III Cases.
- 5. Nothing contained in this Statement (or Exhibit A hereto) is intended to or should be construed to constitute (a) a waiver or release of any claims filed or to be filed against or interests in the debtors in any title III case held by any Member, its affiliates or any other entity, or (b) an admission with respect to any fact or legal theory. Nothing herein should be construed as a limitation upon, or waiver of, any rights of any Member to assert, file and/or amend any proof of claim in accordance with applicable law and any orders entered in these cases.
- 6. The undersigned verify that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of their knowledge.
  - 7. The undersigned reserve the right to amend or supplement this Statement.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will notify case participants.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The undersigned also represent certain entities, including certain Members and still other non-Members, in connection with debt issued by the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and its instrumentalities, including issuers that are debtors under PROMESA Title III cases pending in this Court. The undersigned do not represent such non-Members in connection with this Title III Case and those non-Members do not hold Bonds or disclosable economic interests relating to COFINA.

#### RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, August 16, 2017.

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### Exhibit A

Name of Creditor <sup>1</sup>	Address	Debtor	Nature and Amount of Disclosable Economic Interest <sup>2</sup>	
			Bonds <sup>3</sup>	Other
Franklin Advisers, Inc., on behalf of accounts managed or advised by it.	One Franklin Parkway, San Mateo, CA 94403	Commonwealth of	Uninsured: \$294,785,000	\$0
		Puerto Rico <sup>4</sup>	Insured: \$73,580,000	
		COFINA (Puerto	Sr. Uninsured: \$53,825,000	\$0
		Rico Sales Tax	Sr. Insured: \$0	
		Financing	Jr. Uninsured: \$584,213,000	
		Corporation)	Jr. Insured: \$0	
		HTA (Puerto Rico	Uninsured: \$0	\$0
		Highways and	Insured: \$0	
		Transportation		
		Authority)		
		ERS (Employees	Uninsured: \$0	\$0
		Retirement System of	Insured: \$0	
		Puerto Rico)		
		PREPA (Puerto Rico	Uninsured: \$781,514,516	\$0
		Electric Power	Insured: \$5,000,000	
		Authority)		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Each entity listed holds disclosable economic interests, or acts as investment advisor or manager to funds and/or accounts or their respective subsidiaries that hold disclosable economic interests, in relation to the debtors

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> To the best of counsel's knowledge, the information included herein is accurate as of August 10, 2017. The amounts set forth herein include only outstanding principal and do not include overdue interest, interest on overdue interest and principal, and accrued interest or other amounts that may be owing under the applicable debt documents and laws. In addition, the amounts set forth herein do not include any disclosable economic interests that are subject to pending trades or other transfers that have not settled or otherwise been closed as of August 10, 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> With respect to any Capital Appreciation Bonds ("CABs") held by the members, the amounts disclosed consist of their accreted principal amount, calculated as of August 10, 2017, and not the amount due upon maturity.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Includes bonds guaranteed by the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico that are issued by a Commonwealth instrumentality.

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OppenheimerFunds,	350 Linden Oaks,	Commonwealth of	Uninsured: \$1,453,215,000	\$0
Inc., on behalf of funds and/or accounts managed or advised	Rochester, NY 14625	Puerto Rico <sup>4</sup>	Insured: \$130,906,000	
		COFINA (Puerto	Sr. Uninsured: \$520,932,000	\$0
		Rico Sales Tax	Sr. Insured: \$131,031,000	
by it.		Financing	Jr. Uninsured: \$1,310,571,000	
		Corporation)	Jr. Insured: \$0	
		HTA (Puerto Rico	Uninsured: \$249,095,000	\$0
		Highways and	Insured: \$144,540,000	
		Transportation		
		Authority)		
		ERS (Employees	Uninsured: \$0	\$0
		Retirement System of	Insured: \$0	
		Puerto Rico)		
		PREPA (Puerto Rico	Uninsured: \$903,208,000	\$0
		Electric Power	Insured: \$53,640,000	
		Authority)		
Santander Asset	GAM Tower	Commonwealth of	Uninsured: \$1,500,000	\$0
Management, LLC,	Suite 200	Puerto Rico <sup>4</sup>	Insured: \$1,105,000	
on behalf of funds	2 Tabonuco Street	COFINA (Puerto	Sr. Uninsured: \$184,414,000	\$0
and/or accounts managed or advised	Guaynabo, PR 06968	Rico Sales Tax	Sr. Insured: \$42,080,000	
by it.		Financing	Jr. Uninsured: \$242,968,000	
		Corporation)	Jr. Insured: \$0	
		HTA (Puerto Rico	Uninsured: \$0	\$0
		Highways and	Insured: \$6,085,000	
		Transportation		
		Authority)		
		ERS (Employees	Uninsured: \$0	\$0
		Retirement System of	Insured: \$0	
		Puerto Rico)		

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			Bonds <sup>3</sup>	Other
		PREPA (Puerto Rico	Uninsured: \$0	\$0
		Electric Power	Insured: \$0	
		Authority)		